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PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior application:

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
 continuation application of:
 divisional application of:

22387 U.S.PTO
10/826803



Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 10/029,193 filed 12/20/2001

Title Sloped Via Contacts

Name of applicant(s) Frank S. Geefay, et al.

Copy of Application

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed _____.
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

This is a continuation divisional of copending application Serial No. 10/029,193
filed on 12/20/2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated into this application by reference.

- The above priority information is also recited in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Inventorship Statement

- () Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- () Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____
Registration No. _____
() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record
() the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

(X) Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:

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Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee calculated below is for an (X) Utility, () Design application, and based on the claims remaining after entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	11 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 — 3	0	X \$86	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$290	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$340.00); Utility (\$770.00)				\$ 770
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 770
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 770

Charge \$ 770 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank S. Geefay, et al.

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